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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" நான் அவ்வாறு சொல்லவில்லை. Non-official அங்கத்தினர்களில் சிலர் aristocratic society என்று யாரைக் கருதுகிறார்களோ அவர்கள் மாதர் நல இலாகாவின் ஹானரரி செக்ஷனிலே இருக்கலாம் என்றுதான் நான் சொன்னேன்."

Tharuvaikulam Polling Centre

* 675 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of voters for Tharuvaikulam polling booth (Ottappidaram) constituency, Tirunelveli district, in the recent district board elections; and

(*b*) how many voters cast their votes in the polling booth?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The total number of voters attached to the Tharuvaikulam polling centre was 4,022 out of whom 461 exercised their franchise."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" தருவைக்குளம் வோட்டுச் சாவடியில் வோட்டுச் செய்யவேண்டிய 4,022 வோட்டர்களில் 461 பேர்கள்தான் வோட்டுச் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள். அது மிகவும் குறைந்த எண்ணிக்கையாக இருக்கிறது, பெரும்பான்மையான வோட்டர்கள் வோட்டுச் செய்யாததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன? எந்தக் கட்சிக்காரர்களாவது அவர்களை வோட்டுச் செய்யாமல் தடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சரிடமிருந்து அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" There is no such information available with the Government."

Disciplinary action against Police Officials

* 676 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any disciplinary action was taken by the Government and by the officers of the department against any police official—both gazetted and non-gazetted in 1953–54; and

(*b*) whether enquiry against any is now pending?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Disciplinary action was taken against 7,362 Police officials during the year 1953–54 of which 126 cases are now pending."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know what action was taken against the persons concerned and of the officers against whom action is pending, to what rank or class they belong? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I cannot state the particular action taken in respect of the large number of cases. It varied from dismissal from service to warning and censure. As far as the pending cases are concerned, 64 relate to constables, 20 to head constables, 29 to Sub-Inspectors, 6 to Inspectors of Police, 1 to Sergeant and 2 to Sergeants-Major."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" 7,362 போலீஸ் அதிகாரிகளின் மீது ஒழுங்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப்பட்டிருக்கிறதென்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொன்னார்கள். இவற்றில் மதுவிலக்குச் சட்டத்தின்கீழ் குற்றமிழைத்தவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கைதான் அதிகமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have particulars here to answer that question."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" May I know how many Police officers in Malabar were subjected to departmental punishment and what the names of such officers are? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question with regard to Malabar district."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Several representations were made to the Government by the Members of the Assembly regarding Police excesses. Now, the Hon. Minister has been pleased to state that disciplinary action was taken against more than 7,000 Police officials. But the Members of the Assembly were not informed of what action was taken on their representations. Will the Government be pleased to communicate to the Members hereafter what action is taken on their representations? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Whenever we consider it necessary and advisable to communicate to the hon. Members, we do it. Where we think it is not necessary, we do not communicate the decision to the Members."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of giving publicity to such disciplinary action taken so that it may serve as a warning to others? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Every month we are publishing a communique regarding the disciplinary action taken against the various officers in the various departments in the State."

Gold ores at Parakunnu

* 677 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made any investigation regarding the possibility of taking gold from a place called Parakunnu at Poroor in Vandur Firka, Ernad taluk, South Malabar, which belongs to a landlord, Chennalari Namboodiri; and

(*b*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The investigation of the area is, however, proposed to be undertaken by the Geological Survey Department of the Government of India during the current field season."